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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The DHZ Chemie (Deutsche Handelszentrale, German Wholesale Trade Agency), ZNL-Importe (Zentralniederlassung-Importe, Central Office for Imports) received orders on 23 August to distribute sodium hydroxide to the following plants: 20 tons to Oberschlema, Saxony, 100 tons to Object 31, Lengefeld/Vogtland, Saxony, 100 tons to Object 96, Freital, Saxony and 100 tons to Dresden-Gittersee through the Technical Bureau in Karl-Marx-Stadt.

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2. [redacted] 290 million DME were provided to cover the total amount of the 1955 import of chemical goods, of which approximately 100 million DME were allotted to dyes, and 80 million DME to general chemical import goods.

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3. The non-arrival of crude phosphate imports, among them an 8000 ton freighter loaded with Kola-Apatit, caused the concerned plants to shut down work for 10 to 14 days during August 1954. Although a crude phosphate shipment allegedly had arrived [redacted] the supply of this material was still insufficient. By order of Dr Sitterlein (fnu) from the HV Schwerchemie, Ministry for Heavy Industry, 1200 tons of crude phosphate, originally destined for VEB Gluehphosphatwerk Ruedersdorf, were transferred to VEB Stickstoffwerk Piestegitz, and 400 tons of crude phosphate were shipped to VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat, Lengefeld, instead of the VEB chemical plant Reichenhain, Bad Reichenhain, as originally planned.
4. Late in August 1954, VEB Gluehphosphatwerk Ruedersdorf received 50 tons of low percent crude phosphate together with parts of 4.22 to 4.99 percent of aluminum and iron oxide for research purposes from China.

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